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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM JURICH

GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. THE REPORT THAT FOURCAND WILL BE TRAVELING TO BOBOTA IN EARLY JANUARY IS MOST DISTRESSING IN TERMS OF HIS POSSIBLY ACTING IN CONCERT WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AGAINST US. ALSO DISTURBING IS FOURCAND'S STATEMENT THAT BILATERAL COULD NOT BE SIGNED UNTIL MID-JANUARY AT THE EARLIEST, IMPLYING HE MAY NOT SIGN AT ALL.

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2. THE PURPOSE OF THE BOGOTA MEETING IS QUITE EVIDENT,

AND FOURCAND IS CERTAIN TO BE PRESSURED VERY HARD BY THE MEETING'S OTHER PARTICIPANTS NOT RPT NOT TO SIGN THE BILATERAL. IF SUCH DELAYING TACTICS WERE TO CONTINUE, DOMESTIC U.S. INDUSTRY AND LABOR REACTION WOULD BE QUITE STRONG AND ADVERSELY INCLINED TOWARDS HAITI.

3. HENCE, I THINK THE TIME HAS COME TO TALK MORE BLUNTLY TO

FOURCAND AND IF POSSIBLE, BEFORE HE GOES TO BOGOTA. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD CONTACT FOURCAND SOONEST EITHER BY LETTER OR ORALLY AND CONVEY U.S. POSITION ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

THE UNITED STATES ENTERED INTO BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH WITH HAITI IN SEPTEMBER 1974. AS A RESULT OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS, BOTH SIDES INITIALLED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR A NEW, ALL FIBER TEXTILE AGREEMENT IN FULL CONFORMITY WITH THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES, AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE ACCEPTED.

A DRAFT FORMAL AGREEMENT WAS GIVEN BY THE UNITED STATES TO HAITI IN MID-OCTOBER AND SINCE THAT TIME, HAITI HAS DELAYED EXCHANGING NOTES IMPLEMENTING THE TERMS OF THE MEMORANDUM. INDEED, SINCE THE UNITED STATES GAVE HAITI THE DRAFT AGREEMENT, FOURCAND HAS ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT, ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING THE DROPPING OF TWO SPECIFIC LIMITS AND THE GRANTING OF CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL YARDAGE IN TWO OTHER SPECIFIC LIMITS. DESPITE THESE CONCESSIONS ON OUR PART, (AND NONE ON HIS PART) WE SEEM NO CLOSER NOW TO HAVING THE FORMAL NOTES EXCHANGED THAN WE DID IN MID-OCTOBER.

ACCORDINGLY, SINCE THE MEMORANDUM HAS NOT BEEN FORMALIZED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MUST ADVISE THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT WAIVED ITS RIGHTS UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES, INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF UNILATERAL RESTRAINTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 28, 1974 FOLLOWING THE PROCEDURES OF ARTICLE 3 OF THE ARRANGEMENT, AGAINST

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HAITIAN TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, IN SUCH CATEGORIES AS 219, 222, 224, 229, 235, AND 237.

4. HOPEFULLY, FOURCAND WILL GET THE MESSAGE THAT WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING TAKING ARTICLE 3 RESTRAINTS AGAINST THE BULK OF HAITI'S TEXTILE TRADE WITH US UNLESS HE STOPS HIS DELAYING TACTICS AND EXCHANGES THE NOTES WITH NO RPT NO FURTHER CONCESSIONS. FOURCAND KNOWS PERFECTLY WELL THAT

THE MEMORANDUM WE NEGOTIATED LAST SEPTEMBER WAS UNUSUALLY
GENEROUS TO HAITI AND THAT GIVEN THE ECONOMIC SITUATION
NOW FACING THE US TEXTILE INDUSTRY, IF WE HAD TO WITHDRAW
THAT MEMORANDUM HE CANNOT EXPECT THAT WE WILL BE AS
GENEROUS THE SECOND TIME AROUND.

5. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO POINT OUT THAT
THE UNITED STATES WILL BE UNFAVORABLY CONCERNED ABOUT ANY
OBVIOUS COLLUSION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN THE

FOUR PARTICIPANTS AT THE BOGOTA MEETING. KISSINGER

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